



The Seattle Garden Club

Member of The Garden Club of America

General Meeting October 17, 2013 UWBG/CUH

9:30 am Social
10:00 am Meeting
10:30 am Program

Guests Welcome!



Marty Wingate, well known writer and speaker about gardens and travel, featured speaker for the October General Meeting

Marty Wingate is a Seattle based writer and speaker about gardens and travel. She is the author of three books on gardening, including *Landscaping for Privacy*. She is also the author of *The Garden Plot*, the first book in her Potting Shed mystery series about an American gardener in England. *The Garden Plot* has not yet been published.



Marty's garden articles appear in a variety of publications, and she is a regular guest on KUOW (94.9 FM), Seattle's NPR station, for which she won a Silver Trowel Award in 2010 from the Garden Writers of America.

Marty holds a Master's Degree in Urban Horticulture from the University of Washington. She is a member of the NW Horticultural Society, the Royal Horticultural Society and the Mystery Writers of America. Marty also leads garden tours to European and North American destinations.

Seattle Garden Club is grateful to Pam Green, who donated the opportunity to have Marty speak after purchasing it at the Plant Amnesty auction.

PLEASE RESPOND NOW! YES OR NO

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EVENTS AT A GLANCE

10/3 **Board Meeting**, Sunset Club, 10 am

10/7 **Hort Meeting**, Graham Visitors Center, Washington Park Arboretum
PLEASE NOTE LOCATION

9:30 am Coffee; 10 am Program and Walk in the Arboretum, as noted in the newsletter

Hort Committee Fall Planning Meeting, Graham Visitors Center
12 pm - 1pm

10/17 **General Meeting**, UWBG/CUH

9:30 am Coffee; 10 am Meeting; 10:30 Program. Garden writer Marty Wingate, as noted above

"Summer Favorites" Photography Exhibit at General Meeting



From the President

By the time you are reading this newsletter, we will have all been to the Fall Picnic at Hope Stroble's, where we will have strolled in her lovely garden and reunited to commence another amazing year.

Last month, I highlighted many of the fun SGC summer outings that were offered at the Holiday Luncheon silent auction. In addition to those activities, there were other wonderful happenings involving garden club members that are worth mentioning.

Two of our members' treasured gardens were featured in issues of the Sunday *Pacific Magazine*: Deborah Cheadle's on July 7th and Lexie Robbins' on September 1st. Both are an inspiration to us all! With nearly two-acres laid out beautifully on Bainbridge Island, Deborah's plantings are uniquely her, placed around a charming old red farmhouse. She has nurtured this property for 36 years. Lexie has tended her beloved garden in Denny Blaine for more than a half-century. It's a place full of memories and present-day joy. After raising four children in the house, she now entertains her granddaughter, Gemma, at tea parties on the lawn.

There was also an event at the the Montlake Cut Waterside Trail, with which we have been involved off and on since the project was a finalist for the GCA Founders Fund in 1958. In 2008, the project was resuscitated by Sue Blethen, a SGC band of loyal followers, as well as goats and Boy Scout Troop #15. In August, the *Story of North Island* totem pole, that had been commissioned by the Committee of 33 to be restored by conservators Corine Landrieu and Tiffany Hedricks, was completed and placed in that area. It was originally carved by Haida Chief John Dewey Wallace in Waterfall, Alaska in 1937 and is representative of a beautiful Haida story. If you would like to see what it looks like and learn more about it go to:

<http://council.seattle.gov/2013/08/19/story-of-north-island-totem-pole-restored/> or better yet, take an excursion over to the East Montlake Restoration Project, as the area is now known, and see it in its full glory!

I am convinced these types of things happen in part because of the education and opportunities around gardening our club provides.

Think about where it is taking you!

Catherine Parker, Club President

December 15 Deadline for New Member Applications

The Membership Proposal Form is available through the SGC website or from B.J. Anderson, Membership Committee Chairman. Please contact B.J. regarding your prospective member to avoid duplication of a candidate. Details on proposal for Provisional Membership can be found under 'Membership Policies' on page P-8.

Remember to bring potential candidates to open meetings this Fall, as well as the Holiday Luncheon in December. It is important to acquaint candidates with Membership Committee Members, Board Members and other members.

Forms must be postmarked no later than midnight on December 15, 2013. Please send to B.J. by this date. Thank you for your participation!

SGC Website: Show it Some LOVE!

1. Love it by keeping the calendar current. The calendar is completely member created. The website staff (Traci) does not monitor it AT ALL. So do your SGC friends a favor and keep the dates, times and locations of events and committee meetings current.
2. Love it by sending in photos and stories and I will happily post them.
3. Love it by making suggestions and requests about what you'd like to see. Example - I stopped posting old newsletters because I thought no one used them. Wrong.... after a request I am now posting them again!
4. You can't love it if you can't even log on. If you forget the user name and password they are on the first page of the yearbook. User Name is Member. Password is rhodies. We do not have individual usernames and passwords; GCA website does.

Traci Tenneson, tenneson@comcast.net

Holiday Luncheon & Auction

Mark your calendars!

~Our major fundraising event is sooner than you think~



December 5, 2013

Sunset Club

1021 University Street

10:30 am Auction & Social - 12:00 Noon Lunch

How can you help? Do you have a special talent? Do you have access to a special place or garden that members would enjoy seeing? Do you know someone who would be willing to share their expertise with us?

The Ways & Means Committee is ready and willing to help facilitate the process for creating fun and interesting outings for our members and guests.

We welcome all ideas to support our Seattle Garden Club fundraising. Items that have done well in recent auctions have included: fun items for children/grandchildren, homemade goodies, specialty plants, opportunities to learn from our members about their areas of expertise, and in particular - outings that are of interest to our members and occasions to spend time with each other just for the fun of it.

The Donation Form is on the website and can be downloaded for your use. Copies will also be available at various SGC gatherings. Completed forms and/or items may be dropped off at Judy Phillips', 1216 38th Avenue E., Seattle; brought to any regular monthly SGC meeting; or given to me (Suzette), 6333 NE Windermere Road, Seattle.

Please contact me with any questions or ideas.

Suzette de Turenne, Ways & Means Chair
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GCA Visiting Gardens Tours

GCA's Visiting Gardens Committee plans two domestic trips and one international trip each year. The sign-up procedure is outlined on GCA's Website under Visiting Gardens Committee: <http://gcamerica.org/members/committees-visiting-gardens.cfm>.

By putting your name on an Interest List, you will receive an alert one week before the trip is released to the General Membership. Space remains available on two great trips.

Springtime in the Bluegrass ... a winsome journey through Louisville and Lexington, Kentucky. May 18 through 22, 2014

The Low Countries in Bloom ... a tour of the flourishing gardening tradition of the Low Countries. June 15 through 27, 2014

Additional information on Interest Lists and trips is posted on SGC's Website.

In Memoriam

We regret the passing on
July 8, 2013, of long-time
SGC member
Suzanne Carver Peterson

Photo unavailable

Hort Report

Each fall the Garden Club of America hosts a stimulating Horticulture

Conference ("The Shirley Meneice") where great ideas are presented and exchanged among delegates. This October Suzy Titcomb and I are Seattle's lucky representatives in Washington D.C. We look forward to sharing our experiences with you in November.

Speaking of sharing, seed gathering and sharing is the theme for this year's Shirley Meneice Conference. Please begin by gathering seeds now as the summer season winds down and bring your collections in small envelopes to the first Horticulture meeting on Monday October 7 at the Graham Visitors Center. We'll have a short Horticulture Committee meeting following the morning meeting where we'll label the seeds to distribute at the general meeting October 17. I'll bring envelopes, pens and ID books. You can add growing tips.

Here is a GCA website for more information: <http://www.gcamerica.org/members/seed-share.cfm>. You will find it under Committees/Horticulture/Seed Share (tab at the top of the Horticulture page under the green bar). Click here to see the list. Please consider offering seeds from your favorite plants at the Conference, so that others across the country can grow these plants too!

The fall is also a good time for propagation. If you are eager to propagate a successful plant from your garden, GCA offers a Propagation Handbook which sells for only \$3.00. If you'd like to order one, visit the home page: <http://www.gcamerica.org/members/index.cfm>

The GCA publication *The Real Dirt* is another terrific resource for propagation. It's an online publication with educational ideas about horticulture: <http://www.gcamerica.org/members/resources/publications.cfm>.

Best of all come prepared to walk through the Washington Park Arboretum following Lindsay Price's presentation on Japanese Maples on October 7. She's been working all summer on her subject. Please come to learn and enjoy the beauty of this special collection.

Catherine Allan, Horticulture Chair



Gardeners Corner



Thoughts for October

- Fall is bulb-planting time. Plant tulip/daffodil/hyacinth/crocus/dwarf iris/alliums/fritillaries and snowdrops bulbs three times deeper than the greatest diameter of the bulb. Mix the correct amount of Bone meal or Bulb fertilizer into the planting hole as you prepare the soil. Ed Hume suggests adding a soil dust to protect the bulbs from soil borne insect and disease infestations. A reminder: tulip bulbs are flat on one side....plant flat side toward the pot side and the leaves will lay over edge instead of in towards center of pot.
- Fall is also the time to select and plant trees, shrubs and groundcovers.
- Finish weeding before they go to seed and reappear in masses again next year.
- Fertilize lawns with 3-1-2 ratio fertilizer using slow-release formula. If needed, thatch or aerate first. Rake leaves to keep from smothering lawn.
- Cut back on watering houseplants and stop fertilizing altogether.
- Divide perennials if needed....consider extras as early Christmas gifts (with real gift of help to plant.)
- Time to MULCH with manure or compost. Protect roots of roses, azaleas, rhododendrons, rhubarb and asparagus during the winter.
- Turn off irrigation systems.

Janet Footh

Photography Committee

All club members are encouraged to choose their favorite summer photo to be displayed at the October 17 General Meeting. You may give your photo to Jane Harder at the October 7 Hort Meeting or deliver it to Sis Woodside's house on October 9, 10, or 11 (please call first). Print the image on an 8-1/2 by 11 inch page; matte finish makes for better viewing. They don't have to be mounted.

Mary Turner, Photography Chair
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Attention ALL shutterbugs and camera enthusiasts!

Whether you shoot with a 'point and shoot' or an SLR, this announcement is for you.

The Photography Schedule for the SGC Club Photography Show in June is currently under construction. We wanted to give you a glimpse of the classes ASAP so that you can begin taking photos while the weather is still cooperative. Once the complete Schedule is ready, it will be posted in full on the website. Registration will be in the winter. Date TBD. This is open to ALL members, including the Provisionals. Please join the fun!

Questions? Contact Juliet Romano, Mary Turner or Suzette de Turenne

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Photography Classes

Class 1 Locovore 6 Entries

A color photograph featuring regional edibles.

~Eating local is a pleasure in a region rich with farmland, farmer's markets, orchards, vineyards and private gardens.

Class 2 Cascadia: Mountains to Sound 6 Entries

A color landscape incorporating mountains and/or water and including the sky. Plant material is optional.

Class 3 Tree Hugger 6 Entries

A monochrome* photograph featuring a tree, trees, or part of a tree in which texture is a dominant feature.

*A monochrome photo is in black and white or in varying tones of only one color such as sepia.

~ The traditional lifestyle of the Northwest Coast Indians was intimately bound to the western red cedar as they depended on the versatile tree for their material, spiritual and medicinal needs. -American Forest website

Class 4 Caffeinated Techie 6 Entries

A color photograph featuring 'creative techniques' and/or manipulation to suggest "the jitters." Plant material is optional. For educational purposes please include a 4" x 6" copy of the original photograph and a brief statement of how manipulation was accomplished.

~Seattle is totally 'wired' thanks to Microsoft, Amazon and Starbucks.

Class 5 The 49th Parallel

A photograph with dramatic lighting. Plant material is optional.

A. Monochrome

4 Entries

B. Color

4 Entries

~The 49th Parallel is Washington's northern border. From a point on the ground at this latitude, the sun is above the horizon for 16 hours, 12 minutes during the summer solstice and 8 hours, 14 minutes during the winter solstice.

Class 6 Grunge 6 Entries

A macro color photograph of a "creative, innovative, and rebellious" plant or flower. Not your mother's rose!

~The Experience Music Project (EMP) is a one-of-a-kind music museum combining interactive and interpretive exhibits to tell the story of the creative, innovative and rebellious expression that defines American popular music. -The EMP website.

Roster Updates & Corrections

Please make note of the following changes

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Reminder

Please notify SGC's Corresponding Secretary Marianne Kitchell of any address, phone number or email changes: kitchell3@gmail.com, 206-325-2003

The Geranium

When I put her out, once, by the garbage pail,
She looked so limp and bedraggled,
So foolish and trusting, like a sick poodle,
Or a wizened aster in late September,
I brought her back in again
For a new routine--
Vitamins, water, and whatever
Sustenance seemed sensible
At the time: she'd lived
So long on gin, bobbie pins, half-smoked cigars, dead beer,
Her shriveled petals falling
On the faded carpet, the stale
Steak grease stuck to her fuzzy leaves.
(Dried-out, she creaked like a tulip.)

The things she endured!--
The dumb dames shrieking half the night
Or the two of us, alone, both seedy,
Me breathing booze at her,
She leaning out of her pot toward the window.

Near the end, she seemed almost to hear me--
And that was scary--
So when that snuffling cretin of a maid
Threw her, pot and all, into the trash-can,
I said nothing.

But I sacked the presumptuous hag the next week,
I was that lonely.

~Theodore Roethke

From the Conservation Corner

An afternoon spent perusing the Environmental Protection Agency website (www.epa.gov) gave me a few conservation thoughts to share with you.

Gasoline vapors are harmful to you and the environment. Not only are they toxic to breathe, they contribute to ozone formation in the atmosphere. Since gasoline vapor production increases when it is warmer, it is important to be careful when refueling your vehicle. Note these recommendations also are in effect for anything gasoline powered including lawn mowers and blowers. Here are some simple measures to take:

- Secure the gas cap after refueling to prevent vapors from escaping.
- Refuel in the early morning or evening.
- Avoid refueling on ozone action days (seems to be an east coast alert at this time)
- Better yet, avoid the gas station: Carpool, bike, walk or take the bus as much as possible.

The marine water quality of the Salish Sea is deteriorating. Find out where that is (hint: you live next to it) and what you can do to help save it at this website: <http://www2.epa.gov/salish-sea>.

Conserve water.

- Whenever possible, water your lawn and garden in the early morning before 10 a.m. Don't water in the evening. Dampness overnight can encourage disease.
- Turn the water off when you are brushing your teeth and while you are soaping and washing your hair in the shower. Droughts are predicted to increase in frequency in our area as this century progresses.

Decrease trash. Freeze vegetables and fruit (before they go bad) instead of tossing them out. Food waste is a huge percentage of trash costs. You can save the veggies for soups and the fruit for smoothies at a later date.

Enjoy the fall!

Carolyn Kitchell
Conservation Chair



Some Highlights from our Annual Fall Picnic

Many thanks to our hostess Hope Stroble



Wonderful smiles of Jill Crutcher and mother-in-law Barbee Crutcher



Warm hugs from Hope Stroble to Noreen Frink and Carolyn Kitchell



A preview of coming attractions from Hort Chair Catherine Allan



Joined by Catherine Parker, Sheila Noonan presented SGC's Bronze Medal to a very surprised Burnley Snyder



Garden designer Deborah Cheadle with Dorothy Strong



Peggy-Paige Most, Sue Ashmun, Megan Smith, Deborah Cheadle, Eve Rickenbaker, and Suzy Titcomb enjoy lunch together

Garden Club of America & Food Security

Autumn is the time of year that Northwest food banks love, as they receive the gleanings from our gardens and fruit trees. Their larders are happily full. Yet despite our best efforts, one in five US children goes to bed hungry according to the most liberal statistics.

This has not gone unnoticed by Garden Club of America. A recent article in *The Real Dirt* advocates for the propagation of breadfruit, a tropical plant that has been a food source for over 3,000 years. The trees on which it grows can also be used for light construction, medicine, insect repellants as well as animal feed. There is, in fact, a Breadfruit Institute with two reserves on Kauai and Maui with over 120 varieties of this amazing tree.

In addition, Garden Club of America has long been an advocate for passage of the Farm Bill of 2012, which is still in limbo. This enormous bill covers everything from the food stamps program to wetlands preservation. GCA Conservation Committee is eager for it to pass because among other aspects, this legislation helps to improve food security by protecting farmlands and instituting better conservation of soil, crops, water and animals. While this bill is controversial and we may not all agree on all the facets of it, it is interesting to note how GCA stands. The best way to learn GCA's position on this as well as the breadfruit article is by reviewing current and back articles of *Con Watch* and *The Real Dirt* on the GCA website at www.gcamerica.org.

Carey Davis



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Looking Ahead

- 11/4 **Hort Meeting**, Graham Visitors Center, Washington Park Arboretum
PLEASE NOTE LOCATION
9:30 am Social; 10 am Meeting
Presentation by Megan Smith on the Pacific Connections Collection in the Arboretum, followed by a walk through the Collection
- 11/7 **Board Meeting**, Sunset Club, 10 am
- 11/21 **General Meeting**, UWBG/CUH
9:30 Social; 10 am Meeting
Presentation by Chris Rogers on Green Architecture in Seattle
Guests welcome!



SGC Encourages us to Use Email

If you currently receive this newsletter via U.S. Mail and would like to receive it via Email, please contact me. We are happy to reduce waste and expenses, in keeping with GCA policies. Thank you!

Jenny Wyatt, Communications Chair



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